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EXPORT BAN ON LUMBER

The American conscience in the matter of forest preservation and renewal has been stirred to the point of producing in congress a bill to make considerable appropriations to be used in connection with efforts of the states to the same end. But can anyone give any plausible reason for permitting the cream of the American lumber supply to be sent abroad?

The surveys and reforestation and purchases of forestry lands look to a far distant future, an embargo on lumber exportation would have an immediate and direct effect on the conservation of our lumber supply.

THE DISAPPEARING ELK

The wanton destruction in this country of untold numbers of game animals and birds in the centuries since its settlement has brought regret to such citizens as are aware of the real loss which America has thereby sustained.

The passing of the buffalo was a pathetic instance. And only recently it has been reported that the herd of elk in Yellowstone park, which in 1914 was estimated at 25,000, now numbers not much more than 7000. In 1917 there were 17,000 elk on the Yellowstone ranges.

The disappearance of 16,000 more in three years is appalling. Unless a game warden is nigh on elk may be bagged as easily as a rabbit and no one be the wiser. For the sake of a pair of antlers it is unworthy for a man to slay one of these proud members of a wild race.

Elk hunting should be in season, and in conformity to game laws. The hunter with a real and broad regard for his sport will not lend himself to the extermination of the elk.

A NEW UNITED STATES

The world may look for a far more stable government along the Spanish main in the future, with the joining of Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador and Costa Rica in the United States of Central America. The Central Americans are going ahead, without fireworks, forming a federation of states based in the main on the form of government of the United States.

Steargum is the only Central American country which has seen fit to demand. And his holding out is not hostile. She will wait until the new government is actually functioning and then in all probability will go in. It is an encouraging sign when these small neighbor states of ours, with long-age traditions and customs in common, and really not much to separate them but imaginary boundaries, have seen fit to be added into one stronger government.

The new history of Central America will not be so picturesque, but it will probably be far less turbulent than that of the last half century.

MR. ADAMS OF OHIO

It is a pleasant task to which Dr. George G. Allen, geologist of Brookline, Massachusetts, has set himself to prove that the garden of Eden was located, not as we have been led to believe, in Mesopotamia, but within the fair borders of Ohio. Ohio has just produced another specimen of presidential timber. It is timely and flattering to link Mr. Harding up with Father Adam in a brotherly sort of way.

Dr. Allen has proof, too. He refers us to an ancient people of Asia Minor called the Cynthians. In their language Adam means "red man" and Ohio means "most beautiful." Out of a mass of data we gather that it was 19,000 years ago that the garden flourished in approximately the same place where Eliza later led the bloodhounds in their historic chase across the icy waters of the Ohio. It will be 19,000 years more, says this delightful scientist, until America is back in the eastern hemisphere, a tropical country with a new race, possibly reeking.

All this is very simple. It comes, you see, from the fact, vouchered by Dr. Allen, that the north pole travels around the world once in 25,000 years. This is a little steep, but need not make us hesitate. Since

Dr. Allen has proven that Adam and Eve were Americans, we are going to believe him. It seems the patriotic thing to do, and we are not going to heckle him about his facts.

FAIR PLAY FOR HARDING

When President-elect Harding invited the "master minds" to Marion for the purpose of conferring on national and international questions, he probably did not anticipate that these consultations would lead any leaders of his party to assume that they should extend their advice to an effort to influence him in the selection of a cabinet.

The newspapers and many public men have indulged in a great deal of speculation regarding the personnel of the Harding cabinet, and it now is shown that a number of men mentioned in the "slates" given to the public are members of the official family.

But certain interests indicated they were not pleased when Mr. Harding took into his cabinet some of the men who were mentioned for posts, and several members of the senate were quoted as hinting that they will not be zealous about confirming a cabinet that is out of harmony with their ideas.

While it is true that members of the cabinet head important departments of the government, they are also the advisers of the president, and Mr. Harding declared in the campaign that they would be such in the real sense of the term. Being responsible for the actions of his cabinet, the president should be permitted to select the members without pressure from others, in or out of congress.

The incoming president should be enabled to feel that he has gathered about him a group of men whose advice will be of the greatest value to him, men who have been selected because of confidence in their qualifications for the tasks before them, not because any particular interests desired that they should sit in the cabinet.

OBSERVATIONS

Every day brings income tax reports a little closer.

A dollar on interest is about the basest thing that can be imagined.

When a man discovers that he has a pull he is willing to let others push.

The Germans lack appreciation. Look what a long time 42 years is in which to pay a debt.

Mexico has taken up daylight saving, but why should anybody want to save daylight in Mexico?

The good old American dollar is being appreciated a lot more than it has been for several years.

The world never seems to learn that a balloon will stand so much inflation without bursting.

When a man can get enough of it to see purple cows, he may know that it was made by a hooch expert.

As far as bandits are concerned, the police should not hesitate to make business for the undertakers.

If Japan ever starts any trouble with the United States this country should threaten to mobilize its bandits.

GREAT BRITAIN'S BANKERS LOOK FOR GOOD TIMES

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Feb. 25.—Many British bankers and industrial workers say they believe the worst of the recent trade depression in this country has been reached and that the outlook is brighter.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Liverpool and Harbours bank the chairman, Edward Paul, while admitting the extent and severity of the existing trade depression, did not despair of the power of Great Britain to emerge at no distant date from the difficulties through which

30,000 CHINESE STARVE IN FIELD AT TIENTSEIU

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Thirty thousand Chinese gathered in a great bare field outside Tientsin, China, waited patiently for food which never arrived and then slowly died there. E. S. Glines, American engineer, reported upon his arrival here after passing six months in the famine-stricken areas of north China.

The condition of the starving hordes was so pitiful, Mr. Glines said, that he "did not have the heart to take photographs of such misery." He said that the crowd at Tientsin had gathered because they believed food would reach them there more quickly than in the country. Along a roadside near the field, he told of seeing the bodies of a whole family—father, mother and five children—such a few yards apart, where they had dropped and died.

"The crop failures have been almost complete in the five great provinces that make up the northern part of China proper—Chihli, Shantung, Shensi, Shensi and Honan," said Mr. Glines. "This is the part of the country around Peking, south of Mongolia and Manchuria."

Explaining why the sections of China not stricken by famine were unable to relieve the starvation districts, Mr. Glines said: "China is largely an agricultural nation. Ninety per cent of the population lives on the tiny farms into which the country is divided. The Chinese work their land to the limit, but they cannot raise more than enough to feed themselves. Each district can raise barely enough food to support its own people. That is why the prosperous provinces have been able to do so little for the famine-stricken ones. They have not the food to send."

"The crops in north China have failed since 1919. The people have it is passing."

He said there were some reassuring features and a good deal of sound business was being done in various sections. The cost of food was coming down gradually, and the fall in prices in many commodities, while it caused serious loss to many traders, was a relief to other sections of the nation.

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been unable to get more than scraps of food from other parts of China. They have been unable to get much from outside because food has been high-priced all over the world. They have tried to move to better districts where they could raise crops but such districts are so far and they have such poor resources that they have died like flies on the way.

"There is no question that more than 10,000,000 Chinese will starve to death this winter and spring unless food is rushed to them." He declared that millions will die despite aid, that the population of 45,000,000 in the famine districts is in such dire straits that it will be a physical impossibility to rush food to them to save all.

Great irrigation projects, control of flood-producing streams and improvement of transportation were cited by Mr. Glines as the only salvation of the agricultural and economic life of China.

"These things will be done in time," he said, "for China is awake. America will probably have a big part in this future of China, but we must lay aside these things for the present and devote every effort to getting food to the starving millions."

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